

DOZEN WEDDINGS,
AND MAYBE MOREMrs. Gill Happy Over Success of
"Cupid's Special."

MANY ENGAGED COUPLES

Some Wed in Washington and
Others Go to Nearby
Towns.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Washington, D. C., September 19.—
"Cupid's Special," bearing half a dozen
couple known to be contemplating
matrimony, and others under suspicion
of harboring such an intent, along
with more than 200 relatives and
friends, reached Washington at 1
o'clock this afternoon.

Mrs. R. E. Gill, who attends to
many of Cupid's affairs in Virginia,
conducted the party, which marks the
fifteenth annual excursion for a like
purpose from Richmond to the national
capital. Mrs. Gill is superintendent of
the Richmond Male Orphan Asylum,
and one of her former "boys," the Rev.
James E. Cook, pastor of Fulton Avenue
Presbyterian Church, in Balti-
more, will perform the ceremonies in
the parlors of the American House,
where the party stopped.

Besides the Richmond delegation, the
train bore young persons who either
came to get married or to see the fun
and spend two days in Washington.
When they reached Union Station they
found two large sightseeing automob-
iles waiting, which bore the majority
of the crowd to the American House.
Some of them went to other hotels or
to the homes of friends.

One of the couples, C. W. Barlow
and Miss Mary Atkins, both from
Caroline county, lost no time in pro-
curing a license. They reached the
clerk's office a half-hour after the train
came into Union Station.

"I came here to be married, and I
want a license," Mr. Barlow told the
clerk. "We were all to come up here
together the first thing, but I guess
the rest have lost their nerve."

"What are the names of the young
people who are going to get married?"
To which Mrs. Gill replied:
"Why, how do I know? I invited
them to come along and do that if they
wanted to, and they can take care of
the rest. I don't like to ask such per-
sonal questions. I guess there are
about half a dozen here, though, who
will get married."

After a day of sightseeing, the ex-
cursionists will return on Wednesday.
The commissions on sale of tickets for
the special are devoted to the institu-
tion of which Mrs. Gill is the head.

To-night four couples had joined
themselves in matrimony, two from
Richmond being William H. Saunders,
twenty-three years, and Maggie V.
Leonard, twenty-two years; Enos R.
Dougherty, thirty-two years, and An-
nie M. Tierney, twenty-eight years;
William Evans, twenty-seven, and
Roberta Johnson, twenty, both of Nor-
folk, went up to Richmond and
waited themselves of the "Cupid
Special" to-day, at did Clay W. Bar-
low, thirty years, and Mary Atkinson,
forty-one, who boarded the train at
Lowe with matrimonial aspirations,
which culminated this afternoon.

All the happy ones took in the
theatres to-night, but were too tired
to talk to newspaper men afterwards.
They were happy but tired.

"That list of four doesn't represent
anything like the bunch of engaged
couples I brought to-day," said
Mrs. Gill after her return from the
play to-night. "A lot of them sneaked
off to Rockville or took the electric
line to Baltimore and tied their knots
there. I'm sure I pulled off at least a
dozen weddings on this trip."

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It has a collar that fits your
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Rain Coats, Cravenette, \$12.50 to \$35.

Rubberized Coats, for rain
only, \$5 up.

Boy's rubberized coats, \$3.50
to \$10.

School Umbrellas, 50c.

Fall Shoes.

Here's the new Hanan and
Berry Shoe—now famous.

They are both the best shoes
made but the Berry is sold at
popular prices—\$3.50, \$4 and
\$5.

Committee Named From Each Metho-
dist Church in City.

A reception committee has been ap-
pointed to welcome the ministerial and
lay delegates to the annual session
of the Virginia Methodist Conference,
which will meet here in November.

This committee is composed of one
member from each of the Methodist
churches in the city, headed by a
chairman. Its personnel is as fol-
lows:

Centenary, John C. Freeman, chair-
man; Broad Street, S. E. Bishop; Park
Street, W. L. Wingfield; Highland Park,
F. E. Anderson; Ashbury Place, Edmund
Curtis; Laurel Street, John Botz; Trin-
ity, John Frischkorn; Union Station,
Frank T. Bates, Jr.; Fairmount Ave-
nue, C. W. Pollard; Branch Memorial,
A. W. Hobson; Denny Street, E. M.
Bell; St. James, C. H. Cole; Decatur
Street, Curtis Bailey; Ashbury, J. S.
Renner; Central, E. M. Redford; Park
Place, B. B. Bowles; Barton Heights,
E. J. Gregory; West End, T. P. Petty-
grove; E. W. Worth, L. E. Busse; Hasker
Memorial, E. E. Woodworth.

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STORIES OF FLIGHT

America II. Lands Near War-
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tude of 20,000 Feet.

Indianapolis, Ind., September 19.—
If they have not met with disaster, or
landed safely at some isolated spot
from which they have not been able
to report, these three balloons and
their crews have qualified to-night as
the American contestants in the in-
ternational balloon race, which will
start at St. Louis October 17.

New York—Clifford R. Harmon, New
York, pilot; Thomas Baldwin, New
York, aide, not sighted.

Buckeye—J. H. Wade, Cleveland,
pilot; A. H. Morgan, Canton, Ohio, aide,
sighted at Charleston, W. Va., 7 P. M.
Sunday.

Miss Sophia—W. T. Asman, St. Louis,
pilot; P. J. McCullough, St. Louis, aide,
sighted at Pomeroy, Ohio, 8:45 A. M.
Sunday.

Nine balloons started in the Ameri-
can elimination race at the Indian-
apolis Speedway Saturday afternoon.
Four started in a free-for-all contest,
and all of them are down. The sixth
of the starters in the elimination race
to alight was the America II, which
landed at Warrenton, Va., at 3:20
o'clock this afternoon. Allen R. Haw-
ley, New York, was the pilot, and
Augustus Post, New York, the aide.

Stories of the flight told by the
pilots of the balloons which have
landed are beginning to come to In-
dianapolis. Carl C. Bishop, who with
George I. Bumbaugh, was in the In-
diana II, wires from Pittsburg as
follows:

"We passed all but Hawley, in
America II, Sunday night, during a
storm that blew great guns. In the
storm our drag rope caught in a
tree top and held us two hours, during
which four balloons went by at great
speed. We finally aroused a farmer,
who, with his son, came to aid in
a drenching rain. They climbed the
tree and cut us loose; then we pro-
ceeded, tree-top and all."

Charles Bishop, who piloted the
Million Population Club balloon of St.
Louis, assisted by Joseph O'Reilly, de-
scribed his trip as follows:

"We had been in the air only a short
time when the rain hampered us. We
were going in the direction of the
Great Lakes, then we struck a current
that sent us south at a merry clip,
but the rain continued and we were
soaked. We threw out ballast and
sought a higher altitude. I think we
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